

(b) Does not arise in view of (a) above.

#### Damage of Air India Boeing 747s

\*126. SHRI R. GUNDU RAO: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether two Air India Boeing 747s were damaged in the hangars recently;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor and the loss suffered in each case; and

(c) the steps taken to prevent similar accidents in future?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI HARMOHAN DHAWAN): (a) Yes, Sir. Air-India aircraft VT-EPW suffered minor damage on 2-2-1991 and 5-2-1991 while aircraft VT-EPE suffered minor damage on 5-2-1991.

(b) and (c) These occurred due to inadvertent lack of judgement/lack of communication among concerned staff. Air-India has taken adequate steps to avoid recurrence. The losses are:—

#### 1. VT-EPW

1st incident : Rs. 3,316 -

2nd incident : Rs. 18,897 -

#### 2. VT-EPE : Rs. 75,493 -

#### Retrenchment of Employees in Coal Companies

\*127. SHRI INDRAJIT GUPTA:

SHRI SURYA NARAYAN SINGH:

Will the Minister of ENERGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the World Bank has advised retrenchment of 50,000 employees in public sector coal companies;

(b) if so, whether this demand is connected with any loan to be taken from the World Bank; and

(c) the details thereof and Government's reaction thereto?

THE MINISTER OF ENERGY (SHRI KALYAN SINGH KALVI): (a) to (c) Following on-going coal projects are under implementation with World Bank assistance:—

	Capacity (m.t.p.a.)	Loan amount (US \$ million)
1. Block-II OCP	2.5	57.7
2. Dudhichua	5.0	109.00
3. Gevra	10.0	65.2
4. Sonepur Bazari	3.0	114.8

A three member World Bank team was in India during January-February, 1991 for review of the progress of on-going projects. This team during their meetings (in Coal India Ltd. and Department of Coal) had discussed various issues related to coal projects. One of the points discussed was the ways and means to improve financial performance of Coal Sector. During discussions the modalities of redeployment of surplus workers from mines that are closed down due to exhaustion of reserves and reduction in unproductive manpower with a view to improving output per man-shift were also discussed.

These points were discussed generally and neither any figure about excess number of workers was mentioned nor this was posed as conditionality to any loan sought from the World Bank. The World Bank has not written to Department of Coal anything about this matter.

[Translation]

#### Privatisation of the Vayudoot Service

\*128. SHRI HARSH VARDHAN.

SHRI BANWARILAL PUROHIT:

Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government propose to privatise the Vayudoot air service;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and